TEQUESTA TRACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Tequesta Trace Middle School
School Advisory Council (SAC) & School Advisory Forum (SAF) Minutes

Date of SAC Meeting:	September 3, 2026
Meeting Called to Order at:	8:22 am
Has a Quorum Been Established?	Yes
SAC Chairperson:	Melyssa Silva

APPROVED AT SAC 10/1/26

Welcome Message/SAC Dates:

Ms. Silva welcomed everyone back, confirmed that a quorum was established, and reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. The May 28, 2026 SAC meeting included a review of prior minutes, school performance data, funding status, parent questions, student achievements, officer nominations, BTU updates, school improvement plans, department updates, and behavior management strategies.

This year, SAC voting members must be cleared and approved as volunteers. Ms. Silva shared that she has emailed everyone with instructions for registering as a Broward County Schools volunteer.

Approval of minutes for previous meeting on:	**May 28, 2026**

- Firsts: Karla Martinez
- Seconds: Stephanie Diez
- Any questions? No questions – all approve the minutes.

Unanimous – minutes are approved.

Outcome of the approval process: The meeting on May 28, 2026, has been approved and minutes are ready to be submitted.

School Updates from Principal, Mr. Rivera:

Mr. Rivera welcomed everyone to our school. We have had a great start to the school year. We have had a great Cougar Walk, open house. We are over-enrolled at the time. We have 50 more students than we have planned for.

In the next election in November, you will hear about the referendum and how it affects public schools. He informed the group that he has a principals meeting this month and believes that they will review that information and once that information has been given, he will share with us as SAC..

School accountability funds have not yet been released, so no information is available at this time. We do not have any school recognition funds yet, but should be available for discussion during our next meeting.

Review of School Accountability and School Recognition Funds at Tequesta Trace Middle School:

No review of this funds at this time. Accounts are zeroed out.

2026-2027 SAC Officer Voting-

The three positions available for voting this year are: SAC Chair, SAC Secretary, and Izone Representative. This will create a distribution of perspectives among the SAC committee.

Votes:

SAC Chair- Melyssa Silva was voted in 16 yes, 0 no. Unanimous

SAC Secretary- Karen Adams was voted in 16 yes, 0 no. Unanimous

I-zone Representative- Natalia Rodriguez was voted in 16 yes, 0 no. Unanimous

FOR ALL THREE OFFICER POSITIONS, VOTING WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Karen Adams – yes
Magida Arslan – yes
Mirna Baca – yes
Varetta Cooper – yes
Valentina Devia - yes
Stephanie Diez – yes
Corey Fleming – yes
Karla Martinez – yes
Caroline Portela – yes
Charles Rawls – yes
Robert Rivera – yes
Natalia Rodriguez – yes
Natalie Rodriguez – yes
Cary Sands – yes
Melyssa Silva – yes
Catherine Turner - yes

SIP Data/Discipline –

Ms. Lopez shared we do not have any current behavior information yet. When we compare ourselves to other schools, the data shows that our positive behavior plan is effective. We have had expectation assemblies for all students. We finished last year with fighting, physical attack and tobacco use as the top 3 offenses. We have worked collaboratively with the students and families to assist the students in improving their behavior.

The SIP is almost completed and is being submitted. Once the SIP is finalized, we will share the School Improvement Plan with SAC. Input from last year has greatly contributed to the creation

BTU Updates – Varetta Cooper, BTU Steward at TTMS:

Ms. Cooper is our BTU steward. There are no updates at this time. You will see referendum on the vote on November 3, 2026.

New Business at TTMS:

Ms. Silva promoted our summer reading challenge on Beanstalk. It is an incentive to document their reading. We will be celebrating our students next Thursday! The new challenge starts September 8, 2026.

Ms. Vargas, our PTA president, shared the great turnout we had at Cougar Walk and Open House. We will be having our volunteer breakfast today and will be sharing all the activities we will be doing. We will be advocating within the PTSA and sharing information with our parents regarding the referendum. Book Fair is coming in October and the 6th grade dance will take place this quarter.

Ms. Rodriguez has requested that the staff emphasizes the safety of electric bikes as they are leaving school. She feels the students are not being safe on the bikes. Ms. Vargas said last year BSO spoke to students during lunch regarding bike safety, the electric bike vs motorcycles.
Ms. Rabidue, from the audit committee, introduced herself to the SAC committee. She explained her roll with district auditing and she will be here throughout the year.

Next SAC Meeting Date:	October 1, 2026
SAC Meeting Adjourned at:	8:46 am